MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—Do not the Government consider that the community deserves to be treated separately from other backward classes for purposes of scholarships?

MR. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—They are grouped under what are known as minor backward communities for whom a sum of Rs. 1,000 has been separately set apart.

Prevention of Cow Slaughter.

MESSRS. C. RANGAPPA (Davangere Municipality) and CHENNAPPA (Davangere Taluk).—

Q.—43. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether a committee had been constituted by Government for making proposals for prevention of slaughter of cows in the State?

(*b*) When was the committee formed?

(*c*) Has the committee submitted its report to Government?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state a brief purport of the report?

(*e*) What is the action taken by Government on the said report?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN).—

A.—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1926.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The purport of the report of the committee was that legislation may be introduced to protect all heifers, cows in milk and pregnant cows from slaughter.

(*e*) No action was taken as it was not considered either necessary or expedient to undertake legislation.

Extension of the Land Mortgage Bank Scheme.

MR. C. RANGAPPA (Davangere Municipality).—

Q.—44. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) How many land mortgage banks are there in the State and in what places?

(*b*) What is the total amount of loan advanced by these banks so far?

(*c*) (i) How many applications for loans were received in all; (ii) how many of the applicants were granted loans; and (iii) what is the total amount of the loan applied for?

(*d*) Would the Government be pleased to establish some more banks as there is much economic distress in the State?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA).—

A.—(*a*) Besides the land mortgage bank in Bangalore City, there are 18 land mortgage societies working in the following places:—

1. Tumkur,
2. Saklespur.
3. Yesalur.
4. Sagar.
5. Bhimanakone.
6. Koppa.
7. Karimane.
8. Shimoga.
9. Chikmagalur.
10. Hassan.
11. Kunigal.
12. Narasimharajapura.
13. Goribidnur.
14. Chikballapur.
15. Krishnarajanagara.
16. Tiptur.
17. Turuvekere.
18. Kolar.

The land mortgage society which has very recently been registered at Kalasa, Mudigere Taluk, has not yet started work. The operations of the land mortgage bank have recently been extended to the Nanjangud Taluk.

(*b*) Rs. 2,37,850 through the societies; Rs. 84,150 direct by the bank.

Total Rs. 3,22,000.

(*c*) (i) 256 applications direct by the bank and 569 through land mortgage societies. 825 in all.

(ii) 32 individuals direct from the bank and 296 through the societies.

Total 328 individuals

(iii) Rs. 7,00,399 by the direct applicants; Rs. 9,63,938-4-0 through the societies.

Total Rs. 16,64,337-4-0.